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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: UK BRIEFS SELECTED NATO ALLIES ON GENEVA
NEGOTIATIONS

GENEVA FOR HARTMAN

REF: GENEVA 5130 (NOTAL)

1. ON AUGUST 9, UK NATO CHARGE LOGAN GAVE INFORMAL BRIEFING
TO ALLIES MINUS GREECE AND TURKEY ON AUGUST 8 DEVELOPMENTS IN
THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. LOGAN BEGAN BY RECALLING THAT HMG'S
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ORIGINAL HOPE HAD BEEN THAT SECOND ROUND OF TALKS AT GENEVA
MIGHT BE DEVOTED TO CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, JUST AS
FIRST ROUND HAD CONCENTRATED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CEASEFIRE.
HOWEVER, ENTIRE OPENING SESSION OF THE SECOND ROUND HAD TO BE

DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF THE FOUR POINTS IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENT, I.E.: (A) DEMARCATION OF SECURITY ZONE AROUND AREA OCCUPIED BY TURKISH TROOPS; (B) GREEK CYPRIOT WITHDRAWAL FROM TURKISH ENCLAVES; (C) THE PROBLEM OF MIXED VILLAGES AND UNFICYP POLICE SURVEILLANCE THEREOF; AND (D) THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

2. LOGAN REPORTED THAT AT OUTSET OF YESTERDAY EVENING'S SESSION, THE GREEK SIDE TOOK THE POSITION THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO RELEASE PRISONERS OF WAR BECAUSE DEMARCATION OF THE AREA OCCUPIED BY TURKISH FORCES HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED. FOR THEIR PART, TURKISH SIDE WAS OF OPINION THAT SINCE GREEK CYPRIOT WITHDRAWAL FROM TURKISH ENCLAVES HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED TURKISH FORCES WERE NOT ABLE TO IMPLEMENT THE CEASEFIRE. AFTER INITIAL POSITIONS HAD BEEN SET FORTH FOR RECORD, BOTH SIDES BECAME MORE REASONABLE AND THE CONFERENCE REACHED A DECISION TO SET UP THREE WORKING GROUPS ON (A) DEMARCATION, (B) TURKISH ENCLAVES, AND (C) EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS OF WAR. THESE WORKING GROUPS WILL MEET DURING DAY ON AUGUST 9 AND ARE TO REPORT BACK TO FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE EVENING AUGUST 9 SESSION.

3. LOGAN COMMENTED ON DEMARCATION THAT THE CEASEFIRE COMMISSION IN CYPRUS HAD FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHERE THE CONTESTING FORCES WERE AS OF 1000 LOCAL TIME JULY 30, BUT THE COMMISSION HAS REACHED AGREEMENT ON A LINE WHICH MARKS IN EFFECT WHERE THE TURKISH FORCES ARE AT PRESENT. THUS, HE SAID, THERE IS SOME HOPE THAT THE DEMARCATION WORKING GROUP CAN REPORT SOME PROGRESS.

4. REGARDING ENCLAVES, INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE UK INDICATES THAT IN GENERAL SITUATION IN THOSE ENCLAVES IS "NOT AS BAD AS IT MIGHT APPEAR", AND THE ALLEGATIONS OF ATROCITIES AND DISASTERS SEEM ON INVESTIGATION TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY UNFOUNDED. LOGAN SAID UN REPORTS OF 5 AND 6 AUGUST PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK SEEM TO BEAR OUT THIS UK INFORMATION. UN FORCES ARE ON STATION AND IN TOUCH WITH ENCLAVES AND RELIEF OPERATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT. THUS, LOGAN SAID, THERE IS CONFIDENTIAL

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HOPE FOR AFFIRMATIVE PROGRESS IN THE WORK OF THE ENCLAVE WORKING GROUP.

5. REGARDING POWS, GREEK FONMIN MAVROS HAS SAID HIS AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO RELEASE THE PRISONERS THEY HOLD AND BEGIN THE EXCHANGE ONCE THE CEASEFIRE IS IN EFFECT AND "HOLDING". THUS, THE UK IS OPTIMISTIC THAT ALL THREE WORKING GROUPS CAN REPORT PROGRESS.

6. LOGAN BRIEFLY DISCUSSED NICOSIA AIRPORT AND VARIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE FACED TO REPAIR AND REOPEN IT. HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT THE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WILL ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT ALSO.

7. THE UK CHARGE THEN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS ONCE MESSRS. DENKTASK AND CLERIDES ARRIVE. LOGAN CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THE POSITIONS ARE STILL WIDE APART. IT MAY BE THAT THE BEST THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IS EXPOSITION BY THE TWO SIDES AS TO HOW THEY SEE THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION DEVELOPING. IN OTHER WORDS, A FIXING OF THEIR OPENING POSITIONS. THE UK IDEA IS THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS MIGHT THEN LEAVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION TO BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES. PERHAPS THIS ON-GOING NEGOTIATION WOULD TAKE PLACE IN NICOSIA RATHER THAN GENEVA. HMG HOPES THAT IN PERHAPS A MONTH'S TIME, FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD RECONVENE AND REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES. LOGAN SAID PERHAPS AT THAT TIME, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MIGHT MAKE A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

8. UNDER QUESTIONING, LOGAN DEVELOPED THIS THEME BY POINTING OUT THAT SOVIET UNION AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN INSISTING THAT THE CORRECT SOLUTION LIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 353 AND HE REFERRED TO THE CLAIM THAT THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ABANDONED THAT RESOLUTION. LOGAN INSISTED SUCH WAS NOT THE CASE. IT WAS SIMPLY A QUESTION OF PRACTICAL STEPS THAT MUST BE TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT MEASURES CALLED FOR BY THE UN. HMG STILL LOOKS TO GREECE AND TURKEY TO GIVE SOME INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW THEIR RESPECTIVE ARMED CONFIDENTIAL

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FORCES INCLUDING THEIR OFFICERS SERVING IN CYPRIOT UNITS. THE BRITISH RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH WITHDRAWAL WILL OF NECESSITY BE GRADUAL WITH PACE DEPENDENT UPON PROGRESS IN THE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE IDEA OF FOREIGN MINISTERS REPORTING TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON GENEVA PROGRESS WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT GENEVA IS STILL VERY MUCH IN THE UN CONTEXT.

9. LOGAN OBSERVED THAT TURKEY HAS OBVIOUSLY IMPROVED ITS SITUATION CONSIDERABLY COMPARED TO WHAT IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. THE BRITISH RECOGNIZE THAT PAST POLITICAL DISENFRANCHISEMENT OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT JUSTIFIES THIS IMPROVEMENT. THE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE, LOGAN SAID, LIES IN THE FACT THAT GREECE HAS SAID IT DOES NOT SEEK ENOSIS AND TURKEY HAS COMMITTED ITSELF NOT TO SEEK PARTITION. THUS, WITH THE TWO EXTREMES RULED OUT, THERE IS SOME HOPE FOR A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO.

10. THE FRENCH CHARGE (CARRAUD) COMPLIMENTED LOGAN ON THE VERY IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH FONSEC CALLAGHAN PLAYED LAST EVENING. LOGAN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AND SAID THAT GOOD DEAL OF THE CREDIT BELONGED TO TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES FOR HIS FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATIVE ROLE.

11. ABOVE DICTATED BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL WHICH, MISSION
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